



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 465

Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on July 31, 2007*

SUMMARY

H.R. 465 would authorize funding for projects carried out under the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997. Specifically, the act would authorize appropriations through 2012 for such projects at the existing authorization level of \$5 million per year. The current authorization expires after fiscal year 2007. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) uses this fund primarily to help finance research and conservation programs overseas. For 2007, about \$1 million was appropriated to the fund for those purposes.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the USFWS would spend \$23 million over the 2008-2012 to period carry out the program. (An additional \$2 million would be spent after 2012.) Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 465 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 465 is shown in the following table. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the entire amounts authorized by the act would be appropriated for each fiscal year. Outlay estimates are based on recent spending patterns for this program.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	5
Estimated Outlays	3	5	5	5	5

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 465 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On July 18, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 465, the Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 28, 2007. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the CBO cost estimates.

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